

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

J. RONALD HOLLAND, aka James R.  
Holland,

*Defendant.*

Case No. 2:19-cv-2456

**COMPLAINT**

The United States of America, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §§ 7401, with the authorization of the Secretary of the Treasury and at the direction of the Attorney General of the United States, brings this civil action to reduce to judgment certain unpaid federal tax liabilities of Defendant J. Ronald Holland. In support of this action, the United States alleges, as follows:

**Jurisdiction and Parties**

1. Jurisdiction over this action is conferred upon this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1340, and 1345 and 26 U.S.C. § 7402.
2. Defendant J. Ronald Holland, also known as James R. Holland, resides in Center Moriches, New York, which is within the jurisdiction of this Court.

**Count to Reduce James R. Holland's Unpaid Tax Liabilities to Judgment**

3. A delegate of the Secretary of the Treasury made assessments against J. Ronald Holland for unpaid federal income taxes, penalties, and interest, for the periods, on the dates, and in the amounts described below, which have balances due with interest, accruals, and costs as of April 8, 2019, as follows:

<b>Tax Period</b>	<b>Assessment Date</b>	<b>Assessment Type</b>	<b>Assessed Amount</b>
1983	04/07/2008 11/22/2010	Additional Tax Assessed	\$57,247.00
		Late Payment Penalty	\$14,136.99
		<b>Unpaid Balance With Interest as of 04/08/2019</b>	<b>\$978,008.56</b>
1984	04/07/2008 11/22/2010	Additional Tax Assessed	\$60,947.00
		Late Payment Penalty	\$15,069.79
		<b>Unpaid Balance With Interest as of 04/08/2019</b>	<b>\$971,048.66</b>

4. The tax assessments described in paragraph 3, above, were made pursuant to a settlement that J. Ronald Holland entered into with the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service regarding *In re McMahan & Company*, Docket No. 21790-91 in the United States Tax Court.

5. Notice of the liabilities described in paragraph 3, above, was given to, and payment was demanded from, J. Ronald Holland.

6. Despite such proper notice and demand, J. Ronald Holland failed, neglected, or refused to fully pay the liabilities described in paragraph 3, above, and after the application of all applicable abatements, payments, and credits, as of April 8, 2019, he remains liable to the United States of America in the amount of \$1,949,057.22, plus statutory additions and interest accruing from and after March 26, 2019.

7. Although a proceeding in court must generally be commenced within ten years after the assessment of a tax, this action has been timely commenced under 26 U.S.C. § 6502 because the statute of limitations was tolled pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6331(e), (i), and (k) for the income tax periods ending December 31, 1983, and December 31, 1984.

8. Pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6330, the running of the ten-year statutory period of limitations for collection of tax provided in 26 U.S.C. § 6502 was suspended and extended in

regard to the income tax years 1983 and 1984 by J. Ronald Holland filing a request for a Collection Due Process hearing with the Internal Revenue Service, which extended the statutory period of limitations for collection. Specifically, J. Ronald Holland submitted a Collection Due Process hearing request on or about October 30, 2008, which was resolved on or about June 3, 2009. As a result, the statutory period of limitations for these tax periods were extended for at least 216 days, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6330(e)(1).

9. Pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6331, the running of the ten-year statutory period of limitations for collection of tax provided in 26 U.S.C. § 6502 was suspended and extended in regard to the income tax years 1983 and 1984 by J. Ronald Holland entering into an installment agreement with the Internal Revenue Service, which extended the statutory period of limitations for collection. Specifically, J. Ronald Holland entered into an installment agreement with the IRS on or about August 12, 2011, which was terminated on or about February 11, 2013. As a result, the statutory period of limitations for these tax periods were extended for 30 days, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6331(k)(2)(D) and (3).

10. Pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6331, the running of the ten-year statutory period of limitations for collection of tax provided in 26 U.S.C. § 6502 was suspended and extended in regard to the income tax years 1983 and 1984 by J. Ronald Holland proposing and entering into an installment agreement with the Internal Revenue Service, which extended the statutory period of limitations for collection. Specifically, J. Ronald Holland proposed an installment agreement to the Internal Revenue Service on or about August 14, 2014, which was accepted on or about December 5, 2014, and terminated on March 4, 2017. As a result, the statutory period of limitations for these tax periods were extended for at least 113 days, plus an additional 30 days, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6331(k)(2)(A) and (D), and (3).

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff United States of America prays for a judgment determining that:

A. Defendant J. Ronald Holland is liable to Plaintiff United States of America for income tax liabilities for the tax years ending December 31, 1983 and December 13, 1984, in the amount of \$1,949,057.22, plus statutory additions from and after April 8, 2019, including interest pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §§ 6601, 6621, and 6622, and 28 U.S.C. § 1961(c); and

B. The United States of America shall recover its costs, and be awarded such other and further relief as the Court determines is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS**

United States of America

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff \_\_\_\_\_  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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**DEFENDANTS**

J. Ronald Holland a/k/a James R. Holland

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant **Suffolk**  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF  
THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 3 Federal Question  
(U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 4 Diversity  
(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- |   | PTF                        | DEF                        |   | PTF                        | DEF                        |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Citizen of This State                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State     | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State                | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation  | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

**IV. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS		FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability <b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other  <b>LABOR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act  <b>IMMIGRATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157  <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark  <b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g))  <b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b> <b>Habeas Corpus:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <b>Other:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement			

**V. ORIGIN** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
- ☐ 2 Removed from State Court
- ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
- ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  
**26 U.S.C. 7401**

Brief description of cause:  
Reduce tax liabilities to judgment

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

**DEMAND \$**  
1,949,057.22

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

**JURY DEMAND:** ☐ Yes ☒ No

**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions):

JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_ DOCKET NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE

04/26/2019

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

/s/Bradley A. Sarnell

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RECEIPT # \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_ APPLYING IFP \_\_\_\_\_ JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_ MAG. JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATION ELIGIBILITY

Local Arbitration Rule 83.10 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed.

I, Bradley Sarnell, counsel for Plaintiff United States of America, do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is ineligible for compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):

- ☒ monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs,
- ☐ the complaint seeks injunctive relief,
- ☐ the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason

### DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1

Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more of its stocks:

### RELATED CASE STATEMENT (Section VIII on the Front of this Form)

Please list all cases that are arguably related pursuant to Division of Business Rule 50.3.1 in Section VIII on the front of this form. Rule 50.3.1 (a) provides that "A civil case is "related" to another civil case for purposes of this guideline when, because of the similarity of facts and legal issues or because the cases arise from the same transactions or events, a substantial saving of judicial resources is likely to result from assigning both cases to the same judge and magistrate judge." Rule 50.3.1 (b) provides that "A civil case shall not be deemed "related" to another civil case merely because the civil case: (A) involves identical legal issues, or (B) involves the same parties." Rule 50.3.1 (c) further provides that "Presumptively, and subject to the power of a judge to determine otherwise pursuant to paragraph (d), civil cases shall not be deemed to be "related" unless both cases are still pending before the court."

### NY-E DIVISION OF BUSINESS RULE 50.1(d)(2)

- 1.) Is the civil action being filed in the Eastern District removed from a New York State Court located in Nassau or Suffolk County? No
- 2.) If you answered "no" above:
  - a) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in Nassau or Suffolk County? Yes
  - b) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in the Eastern District? Yes

If your answer to question 2 (b) is "No," does the defendant (or a majority of the defendants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County, or, in an interpleader action, does the claimant (or a majority of the claimants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County? \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: A corporation shall be considered a resident of the County in which it has the most significant contacts).

### BAR ADMISSION

I am currently admitted in the Eastern District of New York and currently a member in good standing of the bar of this court.

☐ Yes

☒ No

Are you currently the subject of any disciplinary action (s) in this or any other state or federal court?

☐ Yes

(If yes, please explain)

☒ No

I certify the accuracy of all information provided above.

Signature: /s/Bradley A. Sarnell

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk